

Listing of Claims:

1 (currently amended): A hot melt adhesive comprising

a radial block copolymer component comprising $(PS-PI-PB)_nX$ wherein PS is polystyrene, PI is polyisoprene and PB is polybutadiene, X is the residue of a multifunctional coupling agent used in the production of the radial block copolymer, and n is equal to or greater than 3 and represents the number of PS-PI-PB arms appended to X, said radial block copolymer having a styrene content of from 25 wt % to about 50 wt %,

a linear triblock copolymer, and

a tackifying resin,

wherein, based on the weight of the adhesive composition, the radial block copolymer component is present in amounts of from 15 wt % to about 35 wt %, the linear polymer triblock copolymer is present in amounts up to about ~~[[20]]~~ [6]wt %, the tackifying resin is present in amounts of from about 30 to about 70 wt %,

wherein the number average molecular weight of each arm of said radial block copolymer is from about 30,000 to about 95,000,

wherein the radial block copolymer component has a SIB percentage of less than about 25 %,

based on the amount of the radial block copolymer component, and

said adhesive being suitable for use as an elastic attachment adhesive.

2 canceled.

3 canceled.

4 (currently amended): The adhesive of claim 1 ~~claim 3~~ wherein the radial block copolymer component has a SIB percentage of less than about 20 %, based on the amount of the radial block copolymer component.

5 canceled.

6 (original): The adhesive of claim 1 wherein said linear block copolymer is styrene-isoprene-styrene, styrene-butadiene-styrene, styrene-isobutylene styrene, styrene-b-ethylene/butylene-b-styrene, and/or styrene-b-ethylene/propylene-b-styrene.

7 (currently amended): The adhesive of claim 1 wherein the n is between about 3 and about 6.

8 (original): The adhesives of claim 1 further comprising a wax, said wax being present in an amount of less than about 5 wt %

9 (original): The adhesive of claim 1 further comprising a liquid plasticizer, said plasticizer being present in amounts of less than about 20 wt %.

10 (currently amended): An article of manufacture comprising the hot melt adhesive of claim 1 ~~a hot melt adhesive~~ and a substrate, wherein

~~said hot melt adhesive comprises~~

~~a radial block copolymer component comprising (PS-PI-PB)_n, X wherein PS is polystyrene, PI is polyisoprene and PB is polybutadiene, X is the residue of a multifunctional coupling agent used in the production of the radial block copolymer, and n is equal to or~~

~~greater than 3 and represents the number of PS-PI-PB arms appended to X_n, , said radial block copolymer having a styrene content of from 25 wt % to about 50 wt %,~~

~~a linear triblock copolymer, and~~

~~a tackifying resin;~~

~~wherein, based on the weight of the adhesive composition, the said radial block copolymer component is present in amounts of from 15 wt % to about 25 wt %, the linear polymer is present in amounts up to about 20 wt %, the tackifying resin is present in amounts of from about 30 to about 70 wt %, and~~

~~said substrate comprises an elastomeric fiber.~~

11 (original): The article of claim 10 which is a disposable elastic article.

12 (original): The article of claim 11 which is a diaper.

13-14 (canceled)